



Appl. No. 10/072,177
Amendment dated March 25, 2004
Reply to Office action of December 4, 2003

REMARKS

Claim 22 has been amended to eliminate the lack of an antecedent basis for the word "mesh".

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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